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**To Whom It May Concern:**

My family has been involved with the Family Resource Center (FRC) in Stratford, CT for Parent/Child Activity Group, Open Center and Baby Time. It is an amazing place and resource, not just for the children but for the parents as well. Being new in CT and not having a lot of family around, I have benefited immensely from the advice of the staff. It was recommended to me by my pediatrician, as a place where my daughter can have regular interaction with other kids to help with her development.

The activities and groups are organized to perfection and there is never a moment when the kids and the parents are not learning. The FRC is full of toys, activities, books and projects to stimulate young minds. My daughter loved coming here every week and always looked forward to the fun projects and activities. The love, support and encouragement she receives from everyone at the Center is a huge positive factor in her development and learning.

The parent sessions with the parent educator helped me understand children's behavior and re-think my approach to the way I raise my kids. The staff is welcoming and extremely helpful with all/any questions related to the services they offer and connecting you with the most amazing people with recommendations. Apart from the regular schedule, FRC also schedules special fun activities whether its Yoga Night, holiday parties, end of the year activities which we have all enjoyed and experiences we have benefited from.

I cannot imagine not having this amazing place around or have the budget cut down so the center is unable to provide the same level of support and activities. It will be a HUGE disappointment not only for my family but for all the families that are involved with this center. We have all come to love this place and the people, who show a very high level of commitment and love for their job and in providing

our little kids with great learning experiences. It will be a loss for all of us and I highly suggest that the budget be re-considered.